

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A surgical clip for occluding a vein, artery or other body passageway 2 comprises a base portion 3, a pair of resilient limbs 4a, 4b configured to extend generally laterally outwardly from the base portion and each having a free end disposed forward of the base portion, and a reaction portion 9a/b mounted to the base portion 3, the reaction portion defining a generally forwardly directed reaction surface 10 disposed between the base portion 3 and the free ends of the limbs 4a, 4b, the limbs (4a, 4b) being movable under a resilient restoring force from a first, open, condition, in which a gap is provided between the limbs and the reaction portion for receiving the body passageway into the clip, to a second, closed, condition, in which the limbs cooperate with the reaction portion to grip the body passageway to occlude the same.